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F-2000-01886

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Dear Mr. Kornbluh:

This concerns your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests as they pertain to the Chile Declassification Project. Specifically, your requests are as follows:

F-2000-01844 (Archive No: 20000582CIA091)

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F-2000-01886 (Archive No: 200000580CIA089)

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F-2000-01887 (Archive No: 200000581CIA090)

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For identification purposes we have assigned your requests the numbers referenced above. Please refer to these numbers in future correspondence.

With regard to your request for expedited processing, I must inform you that all requests are handled in the order received on a "first-in, first-out" basis. Exceptions to this rule will be made only when a compelling need is established to the satisfaction of the Agency. A "compelling need" is deemed to exist: 1) when the matter involves an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or 2) when the request is made by a person primarily

engaged in disseminating information (i.e., a representative of the news media) and the information is relevant to a subject of public urgency concerning an actual or alleged Federal government activity. Although your request concerns "actual or alleged Federal government activity," there is no demonstration of "public urgency" requiring the release of information on that activity. Widespread public interest, allegedly demonstrated in this case by widespread media coverage of the Chile declassification efforts, does not equate with "urgency." Since your request does not demonstrate a "compelling need" as defined above, we must decline your request to expedite processing.

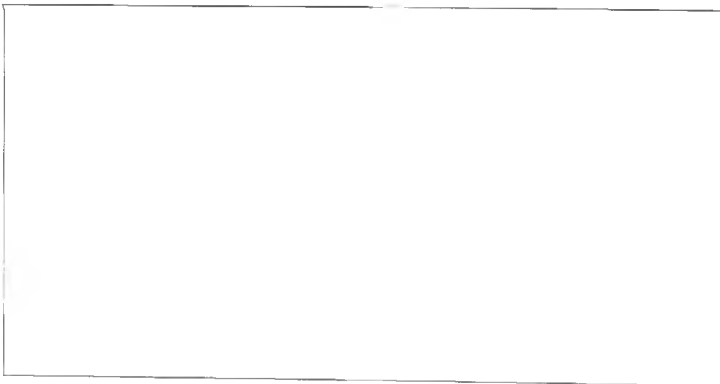
With respect to your request for a fee waiver, please note that as a matter of policy, we do not address fee waivers if our records indicate that outstanding fees are owed. Our records show that you owe outstanding fees for the first tranche of Chile documents, received under F-1999-01083, in the amount of \$173.60 and \$32.50 assessed with F-1997-02888. The total outstanding amount equates to \$206.10. If your records reflect differently, please advise us so that we can accurately reflect payment in our system, as the FOIA regulations preclude our responding to your new requests, as described in (32 CFR § 1900.11) until the debt is paid.

We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your response.

Sincerely,



Kathryn I. Dyer
Information and Privacy Coordinator



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Mr. Mark S. Zaid, Executive Director
The James Madison Project
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Reference: F-2001-00140

Dear Mr. Zaid:

This acknowledges receipt of your 24 January 2001 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records on or pertaining to:

- "1) the Inspector General investigative report into former DCI John Deutch's alleged mishandling of classified materials;**
- 2) the revocation of Deutch's security clearances in August 1999;**
and
- 3) CIA responses, comments, critiques and/or legislative testimony and correspondence regarding the findings of the report;**
- 4) the planned criminal prosecution and plea agreement of Mr. Deutch."**

For identification purposes we have assigned your request the number referenced above.

With regard to Item 1 of your request, we note that in your earlier request, you wished to receive the classified version of this report. If this has changed in any way, please advise us and we will modify your request; otherwise we will search for the classified version.

Meanwhile, we have accepted your request; it will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431. Our search will be for documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter.

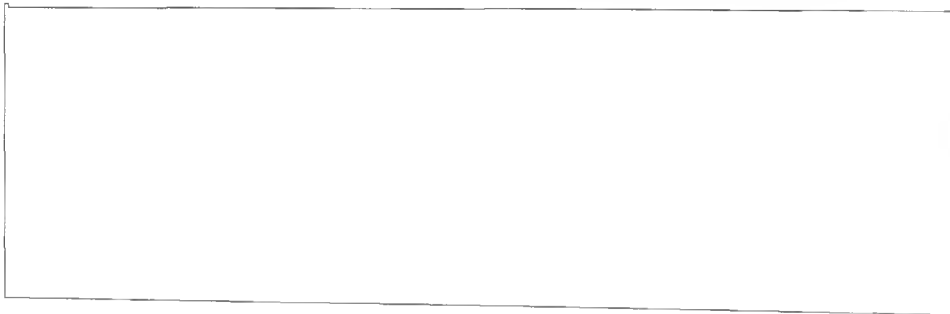
Concerning your request for a fee waiver, we have determined that your request meets the waiver criteria. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is granted.

The heavy volume of FOIA requests received by the Agency has created delays in processing. Since we cannot respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the FOIA, you have the right to consider this a denial and may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You can appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and we will proceed on this basis.

Sincerely,



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Information and Privacy Coordinator



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9 May 2006

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F-2000-01885 (Archive File No. 20000583CIA092)
F-2000-01886 (Archive File No. 20000580CIA089)
F-2000-01887 (Archive File No. 20000581CIA090)

Dear Mr. Kornbluh:

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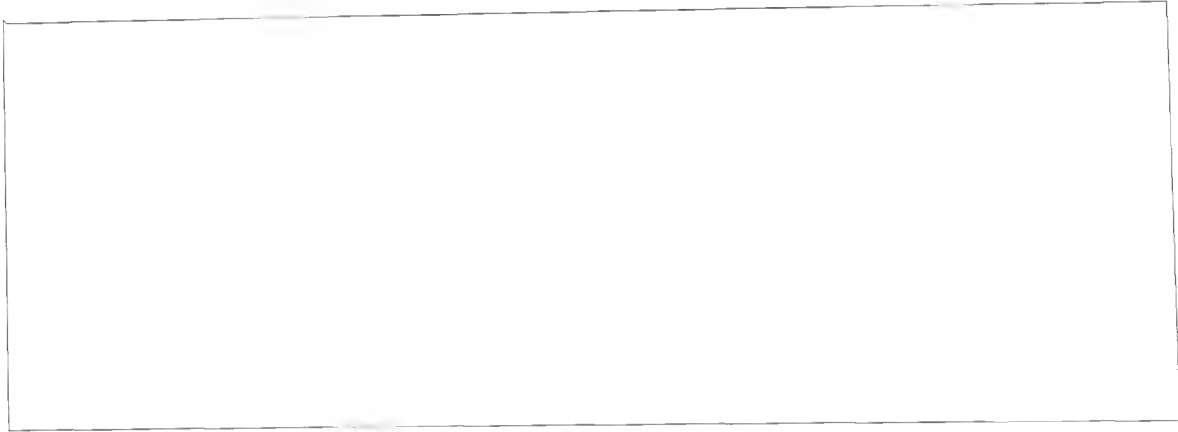
During a recent shelf review, we realized that we had not acknowledged receipt of your 10 October 2000 letter wherein you provided payment for outstanding fees owed for previous requests F-1997-02888 and F-1999-01083. We had suspended processing of the above four requests pending receipt of that payment. Unfortunately, this administrative oversight on our part has delayed our acceptance and continued processing of the above four requests. We apologize for this error.

We wish to assure you that we are ready to move forward with your requests. However, given the length of time that has transpired since our last correspondence on these cases, we would like to be certain that you remain interested in receiving the information you requested. Therefore, we will hold your requests in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending receipt of confirmation of your continued interest. If we do not hear from you within 45 days, we will assume that you are no longer interested in receiving the information requested, and we will stop processing and close these requests.

Sincerely,

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Scott Koch
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May 17, 2006

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RE: F-2000-01884 (20000582CIA091)
F-2000-01885 (20000583CIA092)
F-2000-01886 (20000580CIA089)
F-2000-01887 (20000581CIA090)

Dear Mr. Koch,

This is in response to your May 9, 2006 letter regarding the above referenced FOIA cases. (Letter attached) I confirm my continued interest in having these four FOIA requests processed. I appreciate your candid update on the status of these requests, and ask that you place these requests towards the front of the processing queue considering their age and previous lack of attention.

Feel free to contact me at (202) 994-7000 if you have any other concerns. I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

for | Peter Kornbluh
Senior Analyst

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